AMERICAN

MEDICAL BOTANY.

PYROLA UMBELLATA.

Winter Green.

PLATE XXI.

THIS most beautiful of the species of Pyrola is extensively diffused throughout the northern hemisphere. It inhabits all latitudes in the United States, and extends across the continent to the shores of the Pacific ocean. It is also found in the forests of Siberia, and in several of the northern and temperate countries of Europe. It only grows in shady woods, where it is protected from the sun, and nourished by the peculiar soil formed from the decomposition of leaves and wood. The most common appellations, by which it is known in the United States, are *Winter green* and *Pipsissewa*. It flowers in June and July, being somewhat later than most of the other species of its family.